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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/615,892	<b>Applicant(s)</b> TAT ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Gerald Gauthier	<b>Art Unit</b> 2645	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claim(s) 1-10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dwyer et al. (US 2002/0193096 A1).

Regarding **claim(s) 1, 4 and 8**, Dwyer discloses an arrangement comprising (FIG. 1 and paragraph 0002):

an input to receive DTMF tones (paragraph 0029);

logic to convert the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol (paragraph 0029); and

an output to provide the SMPP protocol (paragraph 0031).

Regarding **claim(s) 2**, Dwyer discloses a arrangement, further comprising:  
a Short Message Service Center to receive the SMPP protocol and to form a Shod Message Service message (paragraph 0029).

Regarding **claim(s) 3**, Dwyer discloses a arrangement, further comprising:

a switching network element to receive the SMS message and to route the SMS message to a paging device (paragraph 0029).

Regarding **claim(s) 5**, Dwyer discloses a method, further comprising:  
receiving the DTMF tones from a Public Switched Telephone Network  
(paragraph 0027).

Regarding **claim(s) 6**, Dwyer discloses a method, further comprising:  
forming a Short Message Service message from the SMPP protocol (paragraph  
0029).

Regarding **claim(s) 7**, Dwyer discloses a method, further comprising:  
communicating the SMS message to a paging device (paragraph 0029).

Regarding **claim(s) 9**, Dwyer discloses a method, further comprising:  
the first paging device providing the DTMF tones to a Public Switched Telephone  
Network (paragraph 0027); and  
the PSTN communicating the DTMF tones to the network element to convert to  
SMPP protocol (paragraph 0029).

Regarding **claim(s) 10**, Dwyer discloses a method, further comprising:  
the first paging device providing the DTMF tones to one of a Voice Mail System  
and a Private Branch Exchange (paragraph 0029); and  
the one of VMS and PBX communicating the DTMF tones to the network element  
to convert to SMPP protocol (paragraph 0029).


### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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